

Before the
Federal Communications Commission
Washington, DC 20554

In the Matter of)	
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Petition for Waiver of)	
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline)	
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Richland School District R1)	CC Docket No. 02-6
(RICHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT R1, BEN 137067)	
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Schools and Libraries Universal Service)	
Support Mechanism)	

**Petition for Waiver of
FCC Form 471 Filing Deadline for Funding Year 2019
RE: FCC Form 471 #191042443**

I. INTRODUCTION AND SUMMARY

The Richland R1 School District serves low income pre-kindergarten through Grade 12 children in Stoddard County Missouri. For nearly 20 years, the Richland R1 District has been a very small but successful participant of the E-Rate program.

The Richland R1 District submitted and certified their Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471, #191042443, in the “Apply Online” portal of the Schools and Libraries Division (“SLD”) of the Universal Service Administrative Company’s (“USAC”) website, on June 11th, 2019, 76 days after the FCC Form 471 filing deadline of March 27, 2019.

A staff member of the rural Richland R1 District works E-Rate into his already busy work schedule, and is the sole staff member performing E-Rate duties.

Last year, the Richland R1 School district chose to end its long-standing service with the internet service provider More.net after a successful e-Rate bidding process that included 4 providers. AT&T won the bid and the district switched services July 1st 2018.


A new local internet service provider had requested to be part of the next bidding cycle, so during the 2019 eRate filing window a form 470 filing was created, form number 190022467 on February 7th, requesting a new bidding process. Shortly thereafter, the staff member in charge of e-Rate filing was informed that the district's services through AT&T were part of a 2-year contract and not month-to-month as was filed during form year 2018 (FRN #1899061811).

The district decided to continue services with AT&T so as to not break the 2-year contract agreement and incur additional fees. The staff member responsible did not file a 471 within the filing window due to a misunderstanding that a multi-year contract does not need a new 471 form for the remaining contracted years. Recently, the staff member was made aware of this mistake and filed form 471, #191042443 requesting continued funding for the additional year of services through AT&T.

II. Request

The Richland R1 District respectfully petitions the Commission to request a waiver of the Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 filing deadline on behalf of the Richland R1 District to allow the Out of Window submission of their E-Rate Funding Year 2019 FCC Form 471 #191042443, due to staff misunderstanding of funding request filing for multi-year service contracts.

Respectfully submitted,



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